First Plus String Orchestra

Grade 1.5



Un petit soirée

George Sweet

FAS57 INSTRUMENTATION

Full Score	1
Violin I	8
Violin II	
Violin III (Viola T.C.)	
Viola	
Cello	
Bass	
Piano	

Program Notes

Un petit soirée is music that is intended to accompany a picnic or a small party. It could also be used to provide music for any type of ceremonial function as well. The piece offers many opportunities to play the same musical material in contrasting styles. The introduction should be broad and majestic, setting the tone for the main theme that follows at m. 5. Pay close attention to dynamics and articulation as they determine the contrasting styles. The pizzicato sections that begin at m. 21 should be as light as possible and remain that way every time they appear. The B section that begins at m. 46 should be loud and full, taking advantage of the full bow. This leads to a presentation of the main theme in a broad regal style at m. 54. This should be played in the same style as the introduction, which reappears at m. 60. The piano dynamic here should be as soft as possible, allowing room for the crescendo to grow and bring the piece to a close.

About the Composer

George Sweet was born in York County, South Carolina, in 1979. He received Masters Degrees in Composition and Conducting from Northern Arizona University and a Bachelors Degree in Music Education from Mars Hill College in North Carolina. As a student, George was the winner of the 2004-2005 Music Teachers National Association Young Artist Composition Competition, sponsored by Warner Bros. Publications, for both the state of Arizona and all of the Southwest Region. His compositions have been performed throughout the United States and have been heard at various Honor and Regional Band Festivals, Disney's Magic Music Days, and the College Band Directors National Association Southwest Conference. His various commissions include those from professional performers, public schools, university ensembles, and also a video game under a University Grant from the Hewlett Foundation. George has been a public school band and orchestra director in both North Carolina and Florida and was an instructor of music theory at Northern Arizona University. For more information, please contact www.georgesweet. net.

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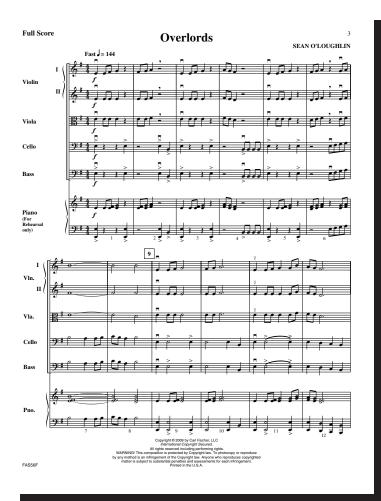


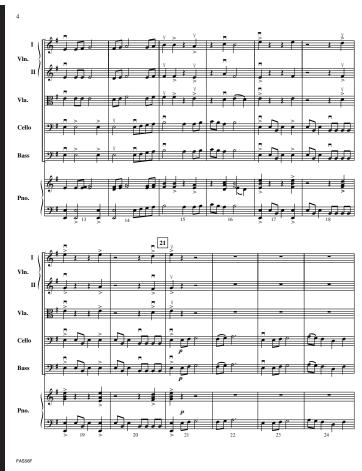












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